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SUBJ: PRESIDENT LOPEZ-PORTILLO VISITS MONTERREY

1. PRESIDENT LOPEZ-PORTILLO'S MARCH 28 VISIT TO MONTERREY APPEARED A COMPLETE SUCCESS. THE STATED AIM OF THE TRIP WAS A REVIEW OF THE ALLIANCE FOR PRODUCTION ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALLIANCE'S SIGNATURE IN MONTERREY. SOLIDARITY OF GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS, AND ORGANIZED LABOR WAS THE WELL-ORCHESTRATED THEME OF THE OCCASION.

2. THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO AN AUDIENCE OF INDUSTRIALISTS, LABOR LEADERS, AND LOCAL OFFICIALDOM PLAINLY GAVE FULL CREDIT TO INDUSTRY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALLIANCE, AND THE TEXT WAS A MODEL OF THE SUCCINCTNESS REGIOMONTANOS LIKE. HE SAID "I HAVE COME BEFORE YOU TODAY FOR THE SIMPLE PURPOSE OF GIVING YOU AN ABRAZO. YOU HAVE BEHAVED LIKE MEN. ONE YEAR AGO, IT IS EASY TO SAY NOW, THE SLACK IN THE ECONOMY WAS AT ITS WORST. IT WAS THEN THAT YOU FREELY CHOSE TO COMMIT YOURSELVES TO THE NATION. YOU WERE FREE THEN -- AS YOU ARE FREE NOW-- TO TAKE OUT YOUR MONEY, BUT YOU CHOSE TO KEEP IT HERE. WE CAN SEE THAT IN THE STATISTICS. THIS IS HOW MEN FULFILL THEIR DUTY. MANY THANKS".

3. THE PUBLIC ADDRESS OF THE SPOKESMAN FOR INDUSTRY, ALBERTO
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SANTOS, STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE ALLIANCE TO CONTINUE AND CLAIMED THAT IN THE ALLIANCE'S FIRST YEAR MONTERREY INDUSTRIALISTS

HAD BOOSTED INVESTMENTS BY 22 BILLION PESOS AND HAD TREATED 29 THOUSAND NEW JOBS. THE SPOKESMAN ALSO GAVE SUPPORT TO GOM MOVES AGAINST CORRUPTION, BUT NOTED THAT MORE REMAINED TO BE DONE IN THIS AREA. SANTOS ALSO URGED THE GOM TO "DEFINE THE RULES

OF THE GAME" FOR INDUSTRIALISTS (A CLICKE USUALLY MEANING LIMITS ON OF THE ROLE OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN INDUSTRY). HE ALSO EXPRESSED INDUSTRIALISTS' CONTINUED PREOCCUPATION WITH THE STAGNANT RURAL SECTOR.

4. LESS CENTRAL, BUT STILL SIGNIFICANT ELEMENTS IN THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM WERE HIS VISIT TO THE WORKERS' MEDICAL AND SOCIAL FACILITIES IN THE BIG GRUPO ALFA CONGLOMERATE, HIS CEREMONIAL WELDING OF ELEMENTS OF 48 INCH GASLINE PIPE WHICH WILL GO INTO AN ABSTRACT STEEL SCULPTURE ON THE NEW PLAZA DE LA ALIANZA, AND A NON-CONTROVERSIAL PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS BEFORE THE STATE LEGISLATURE.
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